

gaika Trimen for the *Zizula* species, and upset a perfectly normal correction which has been accepted in Australia almost since the date of its publication by Corbet. Such a reversal now would cause endless confusion and surely bring the International Commission into contempt for illogical name-changing.

I trust the Commission will act as suggested by Col. Cowan and thus continue the nomenclature corrected by Corbet and accepted by writers in Africa, Asia and Australia.

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ADDITION OF *AMBLEMA* RAFINESQUE
1820, TO THE OFFICIAL LIST. Z.N.(S.) 1699
(see volume 22, pages 196-197 and 341)

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I agree completely with Dr. Clarke and Dr. Clench that the name *Amblesma* Rafinesque, 1820, should be placed on the Official List of Generic Names and that *Amblesma* Rafinesque, 1819, should be placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names in Zoology.

The fact that Rafinesque first described the genus *Amblesma* in 1819 with *Amblesma ovalis* as sole species and subsequently redescribed the genus in the following year without even mentioning his previous descriptions or *A. ovalis* is not surprising in that Isaac Lea as far back as 1832 writes (on page 8 of the first edition of his "Synopsis of the Naiades")—"It will be observed that the works of M. Rafinesque are but little quoted. This has arisen from the utter impossibility of satisfying myself as to his species. The cause of which was, at an early period, the abandonment of pursuing the impracticable task of making them out. His own discrepancy in the names sent to Ferussac, and those which are attached to specimens here, together with the want of accordance in the tables made out by his friends, have induced me to regard his claims as being too slender to rely upon the decisions, so contradictory of the several parties, in the (page 9) absence of the individual specimens noted."

The fact that *Amblesma costata* Rafinesque, can be readily identified from Rafinesque's original description coupled with the confirmation resulting from Vanatta's examination of the Rafinesque-Poulson type (1915, "Rafinesque's Types of *Unio*., *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* 67 : 556) leaves no doubt as to the validity of this species, and since this species was selected by Frierson in 1914 as the type-species of *Amblesma* Rafinesque, 1820, whilst *Amblesma* Rafinesque, 1819, was apparently unidentifiable then it would, in my opinion, be in the interests of nomenclatural stability to ignore Rafinesque's 1819 usage of *Amblesma* entirely.

It is highly desirable that this course of action should be taken since the alternative would be the erection of a further unfamiliar genus which would only help to increase unnecessarily the nomenclatural complexities of the North American Naiades.

Rafinesque gives the Ohio River and tributaries of the Kentucky as the type localities for *Amblesma costata* Rafinesque.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A
TYPE-SPECIES FOR *STIZUS* LATREILLE [1802-1803]. Z.N.(S.) 1710

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Some new information has recently come to light that bears on our recent proposal concerning the type-species of *Stizus* Latreille (see Bohart and Menke, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 22 (4) : 255-256).

It appears that Blanchard [1846] (in the "Disciples Edition" of Cuvier's "Le Règne Animal, Les Insectes, Atlas," part 2, plate 121, fig. 3) validly designated "*Stizus ruficornis*" (= *Larva ruficornis* of Fab. 1804, = *Bembex ruficornis* Fabricius, 1787, = *Vespa ruficornis* Forster, 1771) as type-species of *Stizus*. On the title page of the